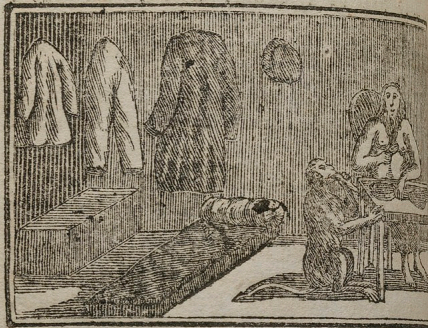


on one side my table, he would immediately place himself on the other.



Then indeed, I thought myself, in a manner, secure of him, and gave him his belly full, as I had done the day before; but, having a pressing occasion to go out, I went to the door, thinking to shut him in till my return; but he followed me so close, that I could not open it without endangering his getting out; which though he appeared pretty tame, I did not care to venture, our acquaintance being so very new: Yet, as I was obliged to go, I did run the hazard, so opened the door by degrees, that in case the beast should offer to run, I might take the opportunity to slip out, and

keep him in; but the creature never offering to go any farther than I went, I trusted him to go with me, hoping that, if he went away, the kind usage he met with might, one day or other, make him come back again: But to my great surprise, as well as satisfaction, he readily returned with me, having waited my time; yet, as I had occasion to go out a second time, wanting sticks to make a fire, for which I was obliged to go near the place where most of his kind resorted, I was afraid to trust him with me, lest he should be decoyed by others; therefore, having taken up a bundle of cord, with which I tie up my faggots, I watched an opportunity to get out and leave him behind: But the beast was certainly apprehensive of my design; for he always kept near the door, looking stedfastly at my bundle of cords, as desirous of such another; which I not having for him, cut a piece of mine, and gave it him; and, seeing I could not leave him behind, I ventured to let him go with me, which he did very orderly, never offering to go one step out of the way; though others of his kind came to look at him as he went by.

Being come to the place where I used to cut dry sticks, having cut down a